

Dear Parents

Reception Class have had such a lovely sunny week! The best part of our week was watching the caterpillars grow, they've got so much bigger – the teachers are hoping that they turn into butterflies next week and not in half term! The children have been looking at how the caterpillars are changing and growing and have been keeping a diary on the changes they see.

The children have loved learning about Van Gogh and looking at his painting 'Sunflowers'. They noticed different shades of yellow in the painting and worked out how to mix colours to create the perfect shade of yellow. They also noticed some blue and red in the painting. After looking closely at 'Sunflowers' the children created their own beautiful paintings of flowers. They also made lovely pictures of flowers on the computer.

In the construction area this week, the children had a special challenge to create a bug hotel. They built a beautiful bug hotel, with a working lift for the snail to go up and down as it's a slow bug. The teachers observed lovely language and story-telling as well as new friendships forming whilst they were building their bug hotel.

Our focus in maths this week had been weighing. The children loved looking at pictures and came up with creative ways of how a glue stick is heavier than a feather, or a flower is lighter than a laptop. They then got the chance to explore weight with objects from around the classroom and weighing scales. Every child in the class worked well in their partners and managed to talk to each other about why the scales were moving and how 5 pencils are heavier than 1 pencil.

The children have worked really hard this week, and as a special treat they got to create their own superhero comics! The children's story telling has been fantastic this week, and they've loved coming up with their own superheroes and have talked a lot about their own superpowers. Miss Genn's superpower is forgetting things and being fun!

You will be delighted to know we have a new set of twins starting this week! Yes, our new letters this week are Pay and Fay ('p' and 'f'). We have spent lots of time trying to find other things that are twins and not necessarily obvious ones (such as the lovely twins in our class) but a pencil and a piece of paper – twins because they are both red! This is really helping the children to think creatively.

This week Reception learnt to say אש - esh (fire), מדורה - medura (Bonfire), אדמה תפוח - tapu'ac adama (potatoes), for Lag Ba'omer. Reception began learning the song Esh bo'eret - לל ילדים שיר - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3lCguENW9so>

Our week's attendance was 97.86%. Weekly attendance needs to be over 96%.

Shabbat Shalom
Reception Team

